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Mr. Walker L. Cisler, President
Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, Inc.
8 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cisler:

Because of prior commitment on 6 November 1959, I regret that I personally will be unable to accept your kind invitation to attend the Foundation Conference on the Mass Media and the Image of Science. I have, however, asked [redacted] of my scientific staff to attend and, if this is not satisfactory, please let me know.

I want to assure you that I share the Foundation's attitude toward science and the necessity of informing our citizens of the achievements and needs of science. Your thoughtfulness in asking me to join you on this particular occasion is indeed appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a most successful conference.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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